

**21ST Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC)
Program Updates
January 2012**

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Mid-year Reports: Mid-year reports are due FEBRUARY 1, 2012 BY 5:00 PM.

The OSTLMS Master Directions for the Out-of-School Time Leadership Management System (OSTLMS) have all of the instructions needed to complete the Mid-year report. Please read pages 36-38 for the updated instructions (see OSTLMS Manual under the Reporting tab on left of website). Each piece must be completed by the due date. The review questions are in the database on the Review Questions page. Call or email Amanda Domino for any questions or concerns. (406) 444-1964, or adomino@mt.gov

E-Grants incorporating data from OSTLMS

To help reduce duplication of efforts, the 21st CCLC program is working with the OPI E-grants personnel to add program details to their system. The OPI 21st CCLC office will add the three Program Goals of the Montana 21st CCLC program in to the E-grants system. Each 21st CCLC program will add their own objectives and strategies for accomplishing those goals, contact information and site information in to the E-grants system. Creating Change will then upload this information in to the OSTLMS database. More information will be provided at spring trainings on how to complete the e-grant competition for programs and year-end OSTLMS reporting.

21st Century Community Learning Centers Website

In December, a link to a 21st CCLC website questionnaire was sent to all programs. This questionnaire was to find out people's impressions of the current Office of Public Instruction's 21st CCLC website (not the OSTLMS website), and to ask for suggestions for updating the site. The questionnaire came back with some great ideas on how to make the website more useful and interesting for users as well as what information to keep on the site. The new webpage is under construction now. We have incorporated a program picture, and ideas for a "Program Highlights" corner to show off what our programs are doing around the state. Once the site is ready to launch, I will ask different regions periodically to send in information, artwork, pictures, lessons, and other pieces of interest to display in the highlights corner. In addition, program updates, resources, grant opportunities, reports and other information will be posted to give you a one-stop location to keep yourselves abreast of what is happening in the Montana after-school world.

Montana Won't Seek Waiver from the U.S Department of Education, Denise Juneau (see attachment)

“Currently, states give grants to school districts or community groups to run afterschool or summer programs, usually in school buildings, but those programs must be held during times when school is not in session.

In states that apply for the new flexibility, schools would not be limited to applying for afterschool or summer programs. They could also apply to use the funding to help create high-quality expanded learning time schools.” (For more information, The Washington Post, POSTLOCAL, http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/post/do-schools-need-a-longer-school-day-a-debate/2012/01/02/qIQA0GPGZP_blog.html#pagebreak)

In the state of Montana, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Denise Juneau, “will not be seeking a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education from certain requirements of No Child Left Behind under the ESEA Flexibility Plan in exchange for other reforms” (see attachment). Therefore, at this time, the Montana school districts will not have the option of using 21st CCLC funds for an extended school day. There are other bills in Congress that may still provide an option to states to award 21st CCLC funds directly to school districts, and therefore, extended day learning.

Training Opportunities and Resources

- **First Lady Launches Nancy’s Garden Recipe Card Contest**

(HELENA) – Today, First Lady Nancy Schweitzer announced a recipe card contest to engage children in exploring gardening, healthy eating, and cooking. Montana students are invited to submit a favorite family recipe that includes ingredients that can be grown in a garden. Alternatively, students can submit drawings or illustrations of their favorite healthy recipe. The winning recipes and illustrations will be printed on recipe cards and distributed at the [ServeMontana Symposium](#) in Helena, February 23–24, 2012. The theme of the symposium is Growing Montana Communities.

<http://serve.mt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Recipe-Postcard-Contest.doc>

*Save-the-date: February 23-24, 2012
at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel in Helena*

Discover how volunteering and national service are *Growing Montana Communities!*

(SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE JUST E-MAIL THE GOVERNORS OFFICE)

The 3rd Annual ServeMontana Symposium explores how volunteers are *Growing Montana Communities* everyday through their time and commitment to making a difference

Just Announced: Jeremy Smith, [author of Growing A Garden City](#), will be one of the key speakers at the ServeMontana Symposium.

Online registration <http://serve.mt.gov/>

- **FOCUS ON HEALTH 2012 YOUTH VIDEO COMPETITION:
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS-JAN 31, 2012**

Montana Team Nutrition wants YOU to grab your camera and friends, and make a video showing how your school or club is promoting healthy eating and active lifestyles. For more information, click on this link

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/MTTeam.html?gpm=1_10 or contact Aubree Durfey, Montana Team Nutrition Program, (406) 994-5640 or aubreedurfey@gmail.com

- **Youth Service America: National Service Briefing**

Click on this link for information on Community Service, grants and awards, and resources and trainings for service learning projects [Youth Service America](#)

21st CCLC 2012-2013 Grant Competition

The application for the grant competition is currently being processed, and the competition will be open in April.

The following sub-grantees have completed their five-year cycle and will need to apply for this competitive grant. There will be training sessions for completing the application. Amanda and Mary Ellen will be available for questions and support. Mary Ellen Earnhardt (444-3519)
Amanda Domino (444-1964)

Arlee	Boys and Girls Club of Cascade	Philipsburg
Box Elder	Belfry	Boys & Girls Club Philips County
Butte Public Schools	Big Fork LEAP	Rocky Boy
Darby Public Schools	Cascade	Shelby
Livingston	Friendship House	Sun River Valley
	Greater Gallatin	Terry
	Missoula Middle School	Thompson Falls/Plains